

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

David T. Johnson, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs). **Page S9643**

**Nominations Reported:** The following nominations were reported and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011, which was sent to the Senate on February 16, 2007, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2007 vice Deborah Doyle McWhinney, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on March 12, 2007, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on May 10, 2007, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

William S. Jasien, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2009, which was sent to the Senate on May 10, 2007, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2011, which was sent to the Senate on May 24, 2007, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2010, which was sent to the Senate on March 12, 2007, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

2 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations in the rank of admiral. **Page S9612**

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**Record Votes:** Nineteen record votes were taken today. (Total—272) **Page S9545–46, S9576–81, S9585–92, S9597**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2007 and adjourned at 12:52 a.m. on Friday, July 20, 2007, until 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9643.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

The nominations of Bijan Rafiekian, of California, and Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, both to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and William Herbert Heyman, of New York, William S. Jasien, of Virginia, and Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, all to be Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

### SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1769, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider;

S. 1780, to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent;

S. 1582, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, with amendments;

S. 1771, to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, with amendments;

S. 1778, to authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration, with amendments;

S. 1492, to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jonathan W. Bailey, and Philip M. Kenul, both to be Rear Admiral, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

#### MARIANA ISLANDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1634, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, after receiving testimony from David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs; Governor Benigno R. Fitial, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Juan T. Guerrero, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, both of Saipan; and Pedro A. Tenorio, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Resident Representative to the United States, Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act".

#### AVIATION FINANCING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine aviation financing, focusing on industry perspectives, after receiving testimony from James Whitehurst, Delta Air Lines, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Air Transport Association of America, Inc.; Frederick W. Smith, FedEx Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; Vern Raburn, Eclipse Aviation Corporation, Albuquerque, New Mexico; David F. Hackett, Gulfstream International Airlines, Inc.; Richard W. Shine, Manitoba Recycling, Lancaster, New York, on behalf of the National Business Avia-

tion Association; and Robert P. Olislagers, Centennial Airport, Englewood, Colorado.

#### IRAQ UPDATE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee continued hearings to examine the war in Iraq, focusing on an update from the field, receiving testimony from Ryan C. Crocker, Ambassador of the United States to Iraq, Department of State.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

#### MILITARY'S ROLE IN DISASTER RESPONSE

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the military's role in disaster response, focusing on progress since Hurricane Katrina, after receiving testimony from Peter F. Verga, Acting Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, General Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, and Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau, United States Army, all of the Department of Defense; Vice Admiral Roger T. Rufe, Jr., USCG (Ret.), Director, Office of Operations Coordination, Department of Homeland Security; and Major General John W. Libby, USA, Maine National Guard and Maine Department of Defense, Augusta.

#### D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the mayoral proposal to reform the District of Columbia's public school system, focusing on assessments, assurances, and accountability, after receiving testimony from Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, Michelle Rhee, Acting Chancellor of Education, Victor Reinoso, Deputy Mayor for Education, Deborah A. Gist, State Superintendent of Education, Allen Y. Lew, Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization, and Robert C. Bobb, District of Columbia State Board of Education, all of Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 462, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, committee approved Senator Murkowski as Committee Vice Chairman.

## NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine draft legislation to amend and reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, after receiving testimony from Rodger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing; Teri Nutter, Copper River Basin Housing Authority, Glennallen, Alaska; David Brien, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Belcourt, North Dakota; Waldo Walker, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Gardnerville, Nevada; Aneva J. Yazzie, Navajo Housing Authority, Window Rock, Arizona; and Marty Shuravloff, National American Indian Housing Council, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, with amendments;

S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth;

S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem;

S. Res. 261, expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of

Donald Jeffry Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard"; and

The nominations of Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, and Joe W. Stecher, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 3094–3121; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 559–561, were introduced. **Pages H8184–86**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H8186–88**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–240);

H.R. 2798, to reauthorize the programs of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–241); and

H. Res. 558, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3074) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–242). **Page H8184**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sires to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8123**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:45 a.m. **Page H8125**

**Recognizing the Marines of Company M (or "Mike Company") of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment, 1st Marine Division on the occasion of**